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## **TEXAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METH**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Texas resident pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Rogelio S. Martinez**, 27, an illegal alien living in Dallas, Texas, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Martinez** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Jan. 24, 2005.

**Martinez** was initially arrested at a Greyhound bus terminal in Kansas City. At that time, law enforcement officers recovered a total of 683 grams of methamphetamine of which 237 grams were concealed in **Martinez's** pants. **Martinez** was transporting the methamphetamine from Texas to Kansas City, Graves said.

Under federal statutes, **Martinez** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

**Martinez** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 8, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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